LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 22, 24, 26, 39 and 41, as set forth below, and ad new claims 45-52. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method for guiding a user in the capture of digital images in a digital camera, comprising:

providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates;

activating, in response to the selection of an image template, a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera; ~~and~~

capturing, in response to an input, a digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context; and

associating the digital image with the selected image template using the image capture context.

Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein each image template has an associated sample image.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2, wherein the digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context replaces the sample image associated with the selected image template.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting the collection of image templates as browseable graphics on a display of the digital camera.

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Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting the collection of image templates in at least one of a textual list and a graphical list on a display of the digital camera.

Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

indicating for which image templates a digital image has already been captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 8 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context comprises displaying a textual title of the selected image template in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context comprises displaying a thumbnail image of the associated sample image in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

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Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 7, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and indicating on a display of the digital camera which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context comprises faintly superimposing the associated sample image over a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 11 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing, on a display of the digital camera, textual instructions for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 12 (original). The method of claim 11, wherein the textual instructions are superimposed over a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 11, wherein the textual instructions are displayed separately from a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 14 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing audible instructions in the digital camera for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

composing automatically a photo album comprising, for each of at least one image template, one of a sample image associated with that image template and a digital image captured in the image capture context corresponding to that image template.

Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 15, wherein the photo album is composed in the digital camera.

Claim 17 (original). The method of claim 15, wherein the photo album is composed on a device external to the digital camera.

Claim 18 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates comprises downloading the collection of image templates to the digital camera from an external device.

Claim 19 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the collection of image templates has a theme.

Claim 20 (original). The method of claim 19, wherein the theme is a place.

Claim 21 (original). The method of claim 19, wherein the theme is a special event.

Claim 22 (currently amended). A method for guiding a user in the capture of digital images in a digital camera, comprising providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera, and wherein the image capture context is provided in response to the user selecting an image template, and wherein the collection of image templates comprises a plurality of recommended images corresponding to at least one of a theme or a place.

Claim 23 (original). The method of claim 22, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A digital camera, comprising:

an imaging module to convert optical images to digital images; and

a memory to store a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in which a digital image may be captured by the imaging module, and wherein the image capture context is provided in response to a user selecting an image template from among the collection of image templates, and a digital image captured using the image capture context is associated with the selected image template.

Claim 25 (original). The digital camera of claim 24, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

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Claim 26 (currently amended). A digital camera, comprising:

a memory to store a collection of image templates;

image template control logic configured to activate, in response to the selection of an image template, a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera; and

an imaging module to capture, in response to an input, a digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context;

and wherein the image template control logic is further configured to associate the digital image with the image template.

Claim 27 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein each image template has an associated sample image.

Claim 28 (original). The digital camera of claim 27, wherein the image template control logic is configured to replace the associated sample image with the digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 29 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, further comprising:

a communication interface through which to receive the collection of image templates from an external device.

Claim 30 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic is configured to indicate on the display which image template is selected while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

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Claim 31 (original). The digital camera of claim 30, wherein the image template control logic is configured to display a textual title of the selected image template in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 32 (original). The digital camera of claim 30, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and the image template control logic is configured to display a thumbnail image of the associated sample image in a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 33 (original). The digital camera of claim 30, wherein each image template has an associated sample image and the image template control logic is configured to superimpose faintly the associated sample image over a live preview mode of the digital camera.

Claim 34 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic is further configured to provide instructions for capturing the digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 35 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic is further configured to compose automatically a photo album comprising, for each of at least one image template, one of a sample image associated with that image template and a digital image captured in the image capture context corresponding to that image template.

Claim 36 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic comprises program code configured to read the collection of image templates.

Claim 37 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the collection of image templates and the image template control logic comprise an integrated collection of program code.

Claim 38 (original). The digital camera of claim 26, wherein the image template control logic operates in conjunction with a menu system of the digital camera.

Claim 39 (currently amended). A digital camera, comprising:

means for converting optical images to digital images; ~~and~~

means for storing a collection of image templates, each image template having a corresponding image capture context in which a digital image may be captured by the means for converting optical images to digital images, and wherein the image capture context is provided in response to a user selecting an image template from among the collection of image templates; and

means for associating a digital image to the image template using the image capture context.

Claim 40 (original). The digital camera of claim 39, wherein each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the corresponding image capture context.

Claim 41 (currently amended). A computer-readable storage medium having

encoded thereon a set of instructions, when executed by a computer, to implement a

method guiding a user in the capture of digital images, the method comprising the

steps of:

    providing, in the digital camera, a collection of image templates, each image

template having a corresponding image capture context in the digital camera; and

    providing, in response to the user selecting an image template, the image

capture context; and

    associating an image captured by the user using the digital camera with the

selected image template using the image capture context.

Claim 42 (original). The computer-readable storage medium of claim 41, wherein

each image template has an associated sample image, each sample image being

optionally replaceable, in arbitrary order, by a digital image captured in the

corresponding image capture context.

Claim 43 (cancelled).

Claim 44 (original). The computer-readable storage medium of claim 41, wherein at

least one image template in the collection includes instructions for capturing the

digital image while the digital camera is in the corresponding image capture context.

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Claim 45 (new). A digital camera comprising:

a processor;

a computer readable memory accessible by the processor;

a collection of image templates stored in the computer readable memory and accessible by a user of the digital camera, and wherein the collection of image templates comprises a plurality of exemplary images related to a theme, to thereby guide the user in selecting digital images to be captured by the user using the digital camera.

Claim 46 (new). The digital camera of claim 45, and wherein the theme relates to one of a special event or a place.

Claim 47 (new). The digital camera of claim 45, and further comprising:

a plurality of image capture contexts stored in the computer readable memory and accessible by the processor, in response to the user selecting an image template from among the exemplary images; and

wherein the processor is configured to associate a digital image captured by the user using the digital camera with an image template selected by the user, based on an image capture context associated with the image template selected by the user.

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Claim 48 (new). A digital camera comprising:

a processor;

a computer readable memory accessible by the processor;

a collection of image templates stored in the computer readable memory and accessible by a user of the digital camera, and wherein the collection of image templates comprises a list of exemplary images related to a theme, to thereby guide the user in selecting digital images to be captured by the user using the digital camera.

Claim 49 (new). The digital camera of claim 48, and wherein the theme relates to one of a special event or a place.

Claim 50 (new). The digital camera of claim 48, and further comprising:

a plurality of image capture contexts stored in the computer readable memory and accessible by the processor, in response to the user selecting an image template from among the list of exemplary images; and

wherein the processor is configured to associate a digital image captured by the user using the digital camera with an image template selected by the user, based on an image capture context associated with the image template selected by the user.

Claim 51 (new). A method of guiding a user in selecting a digital image to be captured by the user of a digital camera, comprising:

providing, within a user-accessible computer readable memory with the digital camera, a collection of image templates comprising exemplary images to be captured by the user, and wherein the collection of image templates comprises exemplary images related to at least one of a special event or a place.

Claim 52 (new). A method of guiding a user in selecting a digital image to be captured by the user of a digital camera, comprising:

   providing, within a user-accessible computer readable memory with the digital camera, a collection of image templates comprising a list of exemplary images to be captured by the user, and wherein the collection of image templates comprises a list of exemplary images related to at least one of a special event or a place.

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